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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Admiral Turner;

In April I wrote to Attorney General Griffin Bell inquiring about the results of an investigation about the assassination of Orlando Letelier and Ronni Karpen Moffitt. I was told the letter had been forwarded to the Central Intelligence Agency, but I have received no further response.

I would like to know exactly what steps the Justice Department is going to take, or has taken in this investigation and what kind of an investigation is being made of the failure of United States intelligence agencies to know about threats against a prominent resident of the United States and diplomat and to protect him from those threats. I must stress that I am anxious for information pertaining to this.

It was well known that Orlando Letelier was opposed to the Pinochet government of Chile and had received threats on his life, and yet American intelligence agencies for which we pay billions of dollars did not do their job and protect him which led to his assassination.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter very soon,

With best regards,

Sincerely,

James Abourezk
U.S. Senate

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To 10: No proper DCI response.
 We have no record of
 the AG sending us the Senator's
 letter.

Executive Secretary

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